

Readiness Center (\$10,508,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For military construction projects in the current earmarking system, the individual projects I sponsor have the support of our military and further our national security. Virtually all of the individual construction projects I support are already on the military services' Future Years Defense Program (FYDP) for funding in coming years. In addition, these individual projects are vetted by the professional staff on the House Armed Services and House Appropriations Committees during the appropriations process. I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This project will design and construct a new 32,030 SF multi-unit readiness center to house the 1-169th Aviation and the 935th Combat Support Aviation units of the Georgia Army National Guard at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide adequate administrative, training and classroom space to help the units complete their mission essential training tasks and be better prepared to support their state, local and GWOT missions. Beneficiary: Georgia National Guard, 685 Horace Emmet Wilson Blvd., Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA 31409.